

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
US APPLICATION NO. 10/710,482
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. Q82458

REMARKS

Applicant has placed this application in condition for allowance by canceling all rejected claims and rewriting into independent form the claim indicated as being objected to only for depending from a rejected claim.

In particular, Applicant has canceled (without prejudice or disclaimer) claims 1-4 and 6-13. Applicant has rewritten claim 5 into independent form to include the limitations of base claim 2 and intervening claims 3 and 4. Claims 14 and 15 are allowed.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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